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Wilkesbarre, October 18, 1848

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. D.X. Junkin, the Moderator, from Luke 19:13, and after public worship was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Lehe		
Mr. Ogden	Isaac N. Lerson	Westfield
Mr. Hunting		
Dr. Murray		
Mr. Heimhart		
Mr. Cochran		

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Cogswell	Isaac Baker	Princeton
Mr. Henry		
Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Davidson		
Mr. D.W. Maclean		
Mr. Blythe		
Mr. Hamil		
Mr. Bush		
Mr. Van Arsdale		

Presbytery of Newton

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. J. M. Pierce	Daniel Griggs	Newton
Dr. John Grey	Enoch Green	Easton
Mr. Shafer		
Mr. D.X. Junkin	Robt. . Kennedy	Greenwich
Mr. Fully	Chr. Van Nortwick	Musconetcong Valley

Presbytery of Newton (cont)

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Magie		
Mr. McWilliam	Abraham L. Cook	Marksborough
Mr. Townley	James Hiles	Oxford
Mr. Scribner	Ebenezer Drake	Hackettstown
Mr. Reilly	Jacob Lucker	Knowleton
Mr. Knox	Henry L. Hoffman	German Valley

Presbytery of Raritan

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Muldiford	T. Wilson	Lambertsville
Mr. J. T. Hunt		
Mr. A. Olmstead	Robert C. Stevens	Flemmert Crowe
Mr. A. Williams	Joseph Rugler	Ringwood

Presbytery of Susquehanna

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Todd		Braintown
Mr. Corss	Hiram Stephens	Wyalusing
Mr. Bronson		Orwell
Mr. Ladd		Warren
Mr. Foster	Parley Coburn	Wysox
Mr. Colt	John B. Bineman	Towanda
Mr. Huntting		Athens
	Oscar T. Young	

Presbytery of West Jersey

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Jones		
Mr. Force		

Presbytery of Lugerne

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. J. T. Hunt		Tunkhannock
Mr. Lorrance		Falls
Mr. Printz		Northmoreland
Mr. Webster		Lackawanna
Mr. Harned		Berwick
Mr. Mitchell		Wyoming
Mr. Park	Phillip W. Kinsey	Beaver Meadow
	John O. Baker	Hazleburg
	Chas. H. Stocker	Kingston
	J. G. Barnes	Summit Hill

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with Mr. Vanderveer from Presbytery of Newton and Mr. L. G. Ensign, Elder, from the church of Wyoming of the Presbytery of Luzerne, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

(Statistical Reports- called for as follows)
Elizabethtown
New Brunswick
Newton
Raritan- Susquehanna
Luzerne- West Jersey.

Rev. G. F. Schenck of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Philander Camp of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, Rev. Henry I. David, the Rev. Benj. F. Klttinger and the Rev. I. Jermaine Porter of the Presbytery of Luzerne being present took their seats as members of Synod.

Rev. Julius Foster was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Mr. McMillan, Clerks.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read, Ministers absent from that meeting and now present assigned reasons for their absence which were sustained.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that they had appointed the Rev. John J. Townley to preach this evening at 7 o'clock in the absence of the Rev. C.R. Imbrie, Principal and Rev. J. Clark, alternate appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon. The report was accepted.

The Rev. Geo. Schenck and the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Stated Clerk gave notice that there had been laid on the table a complaint from the Classis of New Brunswick against the Presbytery of New Brunswick. The complaint was referred to the Judicial Committee hereafter appointed.

It was on motion Resolved, that the Rev. Thos. Cochran, an agent of the American Tract Society, have an opportunity to address the Synod on the subject of his agency this aftersoon at 3 o'clock.

Bills and Overtures

Mr. D.X. Junkin, Dr. D.V. McLean, Messrs. McWilliams, Sherwood, Todd, S. B. Jones, Ministers
Messrs. R. Kennedy, Isaac Baker, Green, W. Wilson, H. Stevens, Elders

to meet at the close of this morning's session and afterward on their own adjournment.

Judicial Committee

Dr. Murray, Dr. Cr[illegible]y, Dr. Studdiford and Mr. Henry, Ministers
Messrs. Pierson, Griggs, and Kugler, Elders

to meet on the call of their chairman.

The Treasurer's Account

Messrs. Enoch Green and William Wilson

The 1st Church of Morristown was appointed as the place of the next stated meeting of Synod and the Rev. James Richards and the Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland, Ministers and Hon. Ira C. Whitehead, Elder were appointed a committee of arrangements; and the Rev. C. K. Imbrie was appointed to preach the Annual Synodical Sermon on Foreign Missions and Rev. James Clark, alternate.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned to the Synod for the absence from this meeting of Mr. Imbrie, Dr. Van Rensselaer, Dr. Miller and Messrs. Talmage and Lawrence.

Messrs. Jones and Junkin, Ministers and Hinman, Elder were appointed a committee to whom was referred the subject of devising means to meet the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. William Graham of the Presbytery of West Jersey appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

The Records of Presbyteries were called for, presented and referred to the following committees:

Elizabethtown

Dr. Shafer and Mr. Van Artsdalen, Ministers
Mr. Abraham H. Cooke, Elder

Newton
Mr. Ladd and Mr. Graham, Ministers
Mr. Henry J. Hoffman, Elder

New Brunswick
Mr. Ford and Mr. Corss, Ministers
Mr. R. C. Stevens, Elder

Raritan
Messrs. Colt and Reinhart, Ministers
Mr. Miles, Elder

West Jersey
Messrs. Bond and Blythe, Ministers
Van Nortwick, Elder

Luzerne
Messrs. Tully and Olmstead, Ministers
Mr. Coburn, Elder

Susquehanna
Messrs. Williams and Townley, Ministers
E. Drake, Elder

After which Synod had a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod convened- present as before together with the Rev. Henry Perkins of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Mr. George Sinclair, an Elder from the Church of Allentown in the same Presbytery; who assigned satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees.

Narrative of State of Religion
Messrs. J. M. Huntting and T.P. Hunt, Ministers
Mr. Swisher, Elder

Minutes of General Assembly
Mr. Gray and Mr. Webster, Ministers
C. D. Shoemaker, Elder

On Leave of Absence
Mr. Ogden, C. Huntting and Potter, Ministers
Mr. L. G. Ensign and Pierson, Elders

The narrative of the State of Religion from the Presbyteries were called for, presented and referred to the committee on the narrative.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report which was accepted and it was made the 2nd order of the day to take up the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of devising means to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod presented a report which was re-committed with instructions to make an assessment on the Presbyteries for the incidental expenses of the present meeting.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts presented the following report which was accepted (see book).

Mr. Nathaniel B. Hutchison, an Elder from the church of Harrison in the Presbytery of Luzerne, Mr. Washington R. Carpenter from the church of Northmoreland in the same Presbytery and Mr. Geo. Creveling from the church of Mansfield in the Presbytery of Newton appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

The order of the day was taken up and Synod heard Mr. Cochran in an address on the claims and operations of the American Tract Society and it was on motion Resolved, that a committee be appointed to bring in a Minute expressive of the views of Synod on the subject. Dr. Murray and Mr. D.X. Junkin were appointed the committee.

Mr. John L. Atherton a Ruling Elder from the church of Lackawanna of the Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The 2nd order of the day was postponed in order to receive the following report which was accepted and adopted (No. 2).

The complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick was taken up and proceeded with according to the order recommended by the Judicial Committee.

The complaint of the Classis was read and the commissioners of the Classis, the Rev. George Schenck and the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers were heard.

Synod had a recess until the hour of public worship this evening.

At the close of recess Synod convened.

Mr. Townley announced that with the concurrence of the committee on Devotional Exercises he had invited the Rev. George Schenck, corresponding member from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, to perform the duty assigned to him.

Mr. Schenck preached a sermon from Luke 10 "Live wise I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God."

After which Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning- concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with the Rev. George Hale of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, who assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner. Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of the Rev. George Burroughs of the Presbytery of Raritan.

The roll was called and the Minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Mr. Lesher of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church and the Rev. Samuel J. McCullough of the Synod of Geneva being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Rev. Mr. Cochran and Mr. Coburn.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Raritan reported that they find the Records well and accurately kept and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

Dr. Murray reported the following minute which was adopted (No. 3).

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the complaint from the Classis of New Brunswick, was resumed and the Presbytery of New Brunswick was heard through its commissioner, Rev. Dr. D.V. McLean, Mr. Blythe was also heard in behalf of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Darwin Cook of the Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Messrs. Schenck and Chambers were heard in reply to the commissioners of the Presbytery- after which Synod had a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

At the close of recess Synod convened.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of West Jersey and Elizabethtown severally reported that they find the Records correctly kept and recommend that they be approved. The reports were adopted.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Luzerne presented a report which was accepted and laid on the table for the future action of the Synod.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Messrs. Vanderveer and J. A. Atherton and to the Rev. H. F. Brittenger, leave of absence after the close of the session of this evening.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was recommitted.

Synod resumed the consideration of the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick and Dr. McLean was again heard.

Mr. Henry Styer, an Elder, from the Church of Hanover of the Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Dr. Davidson was heard in behalf of the Presbytery of New Brunswick on the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick. It was then on motion Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to bring in a Minute on this subject and that all debate on this subject by the Synod be on this Minute: Drs. Murray, Studdiford, and Shafer, Ministers and Messrs. Pierson and Green, Elders were appointed the committee.

The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, the chairman of a committee appointed by the Synod at its last meeting, on the subject of Christian Education presented a report which was accepted; and pending the discussion on a motion for its adoption.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that they had made arrangements for public worship this evening at seven o'clock.

The committee appointed to draft a Minute expressive of the views of Synod on the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick had leave to withdraw during the session of the Synod this evening.

After which Synod had a recess until the hour of public worship.

At the close of the recess Synod attended public worship. The Rev. William E. Schenck preached a Sermon from Isaish 42:16 " and I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not".

The committee on Bills and overtures presented a report which was accepted and placed on the docket for the future action of the Synod.

Statistical Report to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The consideration of the motion to adopt the report on Christian Education was resumed; and after considerable discussion Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before. The roll was called and the Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Messrs. Tully and Hutchison.

The unfinished business, viz., the report on Christian Education, was taken up and it was on motion, Resolved, that the report be referred to a select committee. Mr. Hunt, Dr. Murray, Messrs. Olmstead and Hale, Ministers and Messrs. Kennedy and J. C. Baker, Elders were appointed the committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Pearne Nelson, Wilson and Currier, of the Methodist Episcopal Church were introduced to the Synod by Mr. Dorrance.

The committee on the Minute of the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick presented a report which was accepted.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick withdrew from the Synod- the report was read by paragraphs, amended, and adopted and is as follows.

Synod had a recess until half past two o'clock.

At the close of the recess the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was accepted, and placed on the docket.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Rev. Messrs. Harned and Park of the Presbytery of Luzerne, Rev. Mr. Todd of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, Rev. Mr. Sherwood of the Presbytery of Raritan and to Elders, Wiles, Van Nortwick and Creveling of the Presbytery of Newton.

The committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report which was accepted and adopted - 4.

The committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of Susquehanna and Newton reported that they find the Records correctly kept and recommend that they be approved. Adopted.

A preamble and resolution were offered, in regard to the division of the Synod, which after some discussion was laid on the table.

Synod proceeded to inquire how far the churches in the Synod had observed the recommendations and injunctions of Synod in regard to adopting a plan of Benevolent Contributions. Reports were presented by the Presbyteries of Newton and Elizabethtown in their Annual Statistical Reports- and from the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, West Jersey, Raritan, Susquehanna and Luzerne the following reports were presented.

It was moved that the Stated Clerk be directed to prepare from the reports, a report of delinquent pastors and churches for publication along with the extracts usually published.

The motion was laid on the table.

The committee on the observance of the Sabbath appointed by the Synod at the last meeting were called upon to report; the chairman being absent no report was presented and the committee was continued.

It was Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Wilkesbarre and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members during the present sessions of Synod.

The Janitor's bill amounting to $5.00 and a bill for Stationery amounting to $1.17 were ordered to be paid.

The Stated Clerk and Dr. Murray were appointed a committee to prepare extracts from the Minutes of Synod for publication in the-

Synod had a recess until the hour for Synodical Prayer Meeting.

At the close of the recess Synod held the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

Mr. George W. Smith, an Elder from the church of Mauch Chunk of the Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

*The committee on Christian Education was continued.
*See paper.

The Rev. B. B. Jones was appointed Synodical Agent on Education according to injunction of the General Assembly.

The report of the committee on Bills and overtures in regard to Domestic Missions was taken up and on motion indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, that the calling of the roll was dispersed with.

Synod then adjourned to meet at the First Presbyterian Church in Norristown on the 3rd Tuesday in October 1849 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Concluded with prayer, singing and the benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.

2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1848

No. 1 The committee appointed to take into consideration the most convenient mode of meeting the contingent expenses of the Synod, beg leave to recommend to this body that at each meeting a committee be appointed to make an assessment on the several Presbyteries composing the Synod and that the sums apportioned to each Presbytery be paid to the Treasurer of the Synod out of the contingent funds of the respective Presbyteries.

The committee would further recommend that the following assessment be made on the several Presbyteries:

The Presbytery of Elizabethtown,	$8.00
" " " New Brunswick,	8.00
" " " Newton,	8.00
" " " Raritan,	5.00
" " " Luzerne,	6.00
" " " Susquehanna,	5.00
" " " West Jersey,	4.00
	$44.00

No. 2 The Rev. Mr. Cochran having addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society, explaining its operations and its claims, upon the support of our churches, it was resolved that the American Tract Society be renewedly recommended to the confidence and support of all our churches.

No. 3 After a full hearing of the commissioners of the classis of New Brunswick as to their complaint against the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and hearing the Presbytery of New Brunswick in reply, the following resolutions were adopted as expressive of the statements of the Synod upon the whole subject.

1. Resolved. That in the opinion of this Synod the territory in dispute is clearly Presbyterian ground, and for the following reasons; it has been occupied by ministers and missionaries of the Presbyterian Church for upwards of one hundred years; it has been regarded as a part of the parish of Shrewsbury ever since the formation of a church at that place, and since the withdrawal of the stated labors of the pastor of the church of Shrewsbury, missionaries have been appointed to labor there by the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

2. Resolved. That in the opinion of the Synod mutual frankness and courtesy if exercised by the Presbytery and classis of New Brunswick towards one another would have prevented all difficulties arising from the recent occupancy of Long Branch by the ministers and missionaries of each of these bodies respectively.

3. Resolved. That whilst the Synod can see no sufficient reason for sustaining the complaint of the classis against the Presbytery of New Brunswick on the first specification, namely "that the Presbytery has intruded upon the office and field of labor of one of its ministers," yet it is to be regretted that they did not at an early period appoint a committee to confer with the classis of New Brunswick and thus remove all ground for the charge of disrespect, instead of appointing a committee to press forward their building and all the other measures relating thereto with all possible dispatch, without waiting for final action in the case.

4. Resolved. That in view of the oneness in doctrine and order of the Presbyterian and Reformed Dutch churches, and of the ancient and harmonious intercourse which has subsisted between them, the interuption of which intercourse this Synod would deeply deplore--it be affectionately recommended to the Presbytery and classis of New Brunswick to review the matter in controversy between them anew and in a fraternal spirit, and if possible so to compromise it that there shall be but one church at Long Branch-----And that with a view to assist in the amicable settlement of this difficulty, the Synod do appoint Drs. Murray, Shafer and Studdiford a committee for the purpose of meeting and conferring with a similar committee to be appointed by the Particular Synod of New York to whom shall be committed plenary power to act in the premises if the classis and Presbytery request such action.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1848

The members of this Synod is ascending from the lower points of observation consituted by the church session and Presbyteries, to the one they now occupy, find much occasion to thank God and take courage-The Synodical year which has just closed has been one of rising interest to zion. From the reports handed in by the Presbyteries composing this body it is apparent that the hindrances to the influence of religion among us have diminished, and the means of augmenting that influence have increased. The most formidable obstacles hitherto found are giving way.

Intemperance has from time to time been checked and it deserves notice here that in the state of New Jersey an act passed the last year by the legislature requires all the taverns to close their bars on the Sabbath. The requistion has not only the effect to check this evil but also that of Sabbath breaking. The Ministers among us must expect still however to find it necessary as Paul did to reason on temperance and by welding the flaming sword of truth divine, which is the grand instrument of protection from this foe, guard against its return in former power.

The Sabbath is spoken of as better observed within our bounds than formerly, though it is far from being kept as holy as God requires.

The attendance on the worship of God in the Sanctuary and elsewhere is on the increase.

The readiness of our churches to erect and improve church edifices-build lexture rooms, and Parsonages and to free themselves from debt is a pleasing sign of the times.

Nearly allied to this is the manifest increase of contributions to the Boards of our church, giving them greater efficiency. In this we rejoice. In order for Christs kingdom to cover the earth, his people must use the means of extending it. Each branch of the church weill of course endeavor to extend the system of doctrine and establish the form

government which they themselves have and prefer. Our doctrines common to others or perculiar to ourselveswe wish to see dessseminated over our country and the world, and therefore rejoice in the increase of the benevolent efforts of our churches. Our form of government too we believe is most accordant to the to the Bible and best suited to a busy enterprising people like ours. Our civil government is representative. The people being to busy and enterpeising cannot all meet and thus attend to all the matters needing attention in church or state.-- Hence some things of public interest-not all are entrusted to representatives chosen by the persons concerned. From the action of these officers in our church the right of appeal is reserved from court to court giving those who stand trial every nexessary opportunity to have justice done. Few id any other church equal us in this-while some have no appeal. The first decision is the last-is final. On this account we rejoice to find from the reports sent to the Synod, that benevolent operations areon the increasem abd the monthly concerts well attended.

Similar cause of joy we find in the increasing attention given to the lambs of the flock. Sabbath schools are in general well sustained, and increasing numbers of well qualified teachers-say some of the reports are found willing to instruct the classes.-Schools on secular days are more and more the objects of solicitude within our bounds. Our states and nation are encouraging education so that the question is no longer one of doubt whether our people are to be an educated people or not. The only question is whether we are to have intelligence communicated with or without religious instruction. From many of the schools within our bounds religious instruction is virtually excluded. Even the Bible is excluded. While we would see all our Ministers who can do it, visit the schools, and see that the moral and religious instruction needed is given-we would that when the Holy Bible, the catechism and ministers of our church are excluded, that steps be taken to establish parochial schools-Several such schools are either reported as in operation, or expected soon to be within our bounds.

The revivals reported are fewer than in some former years, and more than in others. One church reports 130 additions to it as the fruits of a revival within the year. Another 42. Another as having its members trebled. Another doubled, and several others as much increased. Among these are persons of all ages, but chiefly the young who have remembered their creator.

From one report we learn a fact adapted to quicken us all in working with our might while the day lasts. It tells us that the beloved Castner who was with us at the last meeting has departed this life. In him this Synod found an example of punctuality at our meetings, and of serious attention to the business, worthy of imitation. Long will his name be pronounced with respect, and may we so live, that death will be to us, and to many through us eternal gain.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1848

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 34 Ministers, and have under their care 23 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery report also to Synod that on the 23rd of October, last, they dismissed Mr. William M. Crane, one of their licentiates to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Florida-that on the 26th of the same month, they received the Rev. Elbridge Bradbury from the Presbytery of Northumberland and installed the Rev. Edwin W. Deinhart pastor of the church at Elizabethport, and on the next day installed the Rev. Elbridge Bradbury pastor of the church in New Providence, and on the 30th of November received the Rev. Peter V. Burghardt from the Presbytery of Michigan, and installed him pastor of the 2nd church of Woodbridge-that on the 28th of December they received the Rev. James Richards from the Presbytery of Genova and installed him pastor of the 1st church in Morristown-that on the 20th of February 1848, they dismissed Mr. Ludlow L. Potter, one of their licentiates to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Oxford--that on the 20th of April they licensed Messrs. James P. Cutler and William L. Garthwaite to preach the gospel-that on the 18th of July they ordained one of their licentiates Mr. Henry V. Rankin to the work of the gospel ministry, with a view to his going to China under the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions-and that all our churches as far represented in our last stated meeting adopt and are cordially carrying into effect the Synod's plan of sustaining the cause of Benevolence.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES M. WHITING, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 42 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Congregations, 20 Licentiates, and 10 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of October 1847, they dismissed Mr. Samuel D. Alexander a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 20th of the same month, they received Mr. John C. DePew a licentiate from the Presbytery of Albany, and dismissed the Rev. A. Alexander Hodge to join the Presbytery of Allahabad-that on the 16th of November they ordained Mr. John C. DePew to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the 2nd church in New Brunswick-that on the 1st of February 1848, they received the Rev. Jacob T. B. Beekman from the classis of New Brunswick-dismissed Mr. James Kirk a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Jersey-and received Mr. Samuel B. Cheek and George L. Bergen Candidates from the Presbytery of Transylvania, Bradby Phillips, a candidate from the Presbytery of Albany, Alexander Dickson a candidate from the Presbytery of Troy, and Messrs. Wm. H. Baker, James C. Knapp, Henry J. Coe, Thomas Murphy, George L. Goodhue, George C. Crow and Charles L. Waldron of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, on trials for the gospel ministry, that since the last meeting of Synod they have organized a Second church at Princeton, and also a church at Manasquan, and received them under their care-that on the 1st of February 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. David Deruelle and the church of South Trenton, and also the pastoral relation between the Rev. Morse Dowell and the church at Manchester-and received Thomas D. L. Wardlaw of the Theological Seminary at Princeton on trials for ministry-that on the 2nd of the same month, they licensed Messrs. Hamilton Ballantine, Thomas Murphy, Wm. H. Huffner, (Mr. Huffner having returned the dismission reported last year,) David Barr, and Alexander P. Sullivan to preach the gospel-that on the same day they dismissed Mr. John E. Emerson, a

candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Londonderry-that on the 9th of March, they dismissed Mr. A. Alexander Rice, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Florida-that on the 25th of April they dismissed the Rev. Benjamin H. Rice D. D. to join the Presbytery of West Hanover, and received the Rev. William T. Schenk from the Presbytery of New York, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Henry M. Robertson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin-that on the 26th of the same month they received Ambrose Y. Moore a candidate from the Presbytery of Northumberland-and on the same day licensed Alexander Dickson, George D. Bergen, William S. Kirk, Henry W. Taylor, Bradley Phillips, Lewis McNeeley, Hugh B. Gardiner, Ambrose Moore, Samuel D. Cheek, William M. Baker and George C. Crow to preach the gospel-that on the 29th of the same month they ordained Mr. Hamilton Ballantin to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist, (he having been appointed to labor among the Creek Indians,) that on the 7th of May they installed the Rev. William T. Schenk pastor of the church at Princeton-that on the 24th of the same month they dismissed the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Mahon and the church at Lawrence, and ordained Mr. William W. Green to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist, and withdrew the license from Mr. David Barr, a licentiate, that on the 17th of July, they dismissed Mr. Robinson P. Dunn, alicentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Jersey that on the 11th of September they dismissed Mr. Henry V. Niles, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Columbia-that on the 10th of the same month they dismissed Mr. Cyrus Huntington, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore-that on the 3rd of October 1848, they received the Rev. Ansley D. White from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne, and on the same day received under their care the First Presbyterian church of Bordentown, which was organized on the 14th of September-and that on the 9th of October, they installed the Rev. Ansley D. White pastor of the church of South Trenton.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
ELI F. COOLEY, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Congregations, 5 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of November 1847, they installed the Rev. Joseph Worrel pastor of the church of Upper Mount Bethel-that they have been called to mourn the death of the Rev. Jacob F. Castner, who departed this life on the 19th of March 1848,-that on the 26th of April they dismissed Mr. Cornelius R. Lane, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne-that on the 16th of May, they organized in the borough of Easton, the Second Presbyterian Church of Easton-that on the 2nd of August, they licensed Messrs. John Stewart and Ephraim Simanton to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry-the Presbytery also report that on the 5th of September they installed the Rev. Alexander McCandless pastór of the church of Danville, and on the 12th of the same month, organized in the vicinity of Andover Furnace, in Sussex County, the Union Presbyterian Church-that on the 3rd of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. John J. Carrel and the Church of Harmony, and on the 4th of October dismissed the Rev. George Junkin D. D. to join the Presbytery of Lexington.

The Presbytery would further report that in 15 of the churches under the care of the Presbytery, the plan of Benevolent Contributions enjoined by the Synod has been adopted and during the past year contributions have been made according to it, to the Boards of the church. From the Congregation of Mansfield, which is vacant-from the Congregation of Musconetcong Valley of which the Rev. James Lewis is pastor, and from the congregation of Allentownship of which the Rev. Leslie is pastor, Presbytery have received no report on the subject, and the following churches have failed to regard the recommendations of the Synod or to make contributions to the Boards of the church according to its injunctions-The churches of Durham and Scots Mountain which have no pastors-the church of Danville of which the Rev. Alexander McCandless is pastor-

Middle Smithfield of which the Rev. Baker Johnson is pastor-and Stillwater 2nd of which the Rev. Thaniel B. Condit is pastor-and Hardwick and Warksborough of which the Rev. Wm. C. McGee is pastor.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES McWILLIAM, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 15 Congregations, 3 Licentiates, and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 8th of December 1847, they organized a church at Rosemount-that on the 19th of April 1848, they licensed Messrs. James W. Carrel, Andrew W. Beveridge to preach the gospel as probationers for the gospel ministry-that on the 20th of June, 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Peter O. Studdiford D. D. to the Congregation of Solebury-that on the 4th of October they dismissed from their care the following Licentiates, Mr. William Brugh, to put himself under the care of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia-Mr. Peter L. Talmage to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Albany, and Mr. I. G. Wheldaffer to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Fort Wayne.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
P. O. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Congregations, and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 25th of April last, they erased the name of James P. McCord from their list of Licentiates-that on the 26th of the same month they installed the Rev. Edwin Bronson pastor of the church of Rome-that on the 30th of August, they received under their care the Presbyterian Church of Rush-that on the 31st of the same month, they received under their care Mr. Evans W. Evans as a Candidate for the holy ministry, and that on the 13th of September, they ordained Mr. Philander Camp a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church in Canton.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Congregations, 3 Licentiates, and 7 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October 1847, they dismissed the Rev. William Chester D. D. to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 4th of January 1848, they received under their care Mr. Allen W. Brown a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Richard Cunan to the church of Cedarville-that on the 5th of January they ordained Mr. Allen W. Brown to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist, to labor at May's Landing and its vicinity-that on the 26th of the same month, they installed the Rev. Shepard K. Kollock pastor of the church of Greenwich-that on the 18th of April they received the Rev. William Graham from the Presbytery of Philadelphia-and on the 27th of the same month installed him Pastor of the church of Woodbury-that on the 20th of the same month they licensed Mr. Luther S. Gibson to preach the gospel-that on the 4th of May, they ordained Mr. Theodore L. Cuyler a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist to labor in Burlington and its vicinity, that on the 23rd of the same month they ordained Mr. Thomas W. Cattell one of their licentiates to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Cedarville-that on the same

day they disolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Giles Manwaring to the church of Camden, and on the 3rd of October dismissed Mr. Manwaring to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-and on the same day, they received under their care, Mr. Robinson P. Dunn, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

All which is respectfull submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
SAMUL BEACH JOHNS, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Congregations, 5 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 24th of October 1847, they discontinued from their list of Candidates, the name of Daniel E. Philips at his own request-that on the 2nd of November they ordained Mr. Benjamin F. Bittinger, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist-that on the 9th of the same month they received under th ir care Mr. John Jermain Porter, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and on the same day ordained Mr. Porter to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Kingston-and licensed Mr. John Johnson to preach the gospel-that on the 14th of December they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Alexander Weberton to the church of Berwick, and on the same day dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Northumberland-that on the 14th of March 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James C. Moore to the church of Beaver Meadow-that on the 19th of April they received under their care Mr. George W. Perkings and Mr. Henry J. David Licentiates from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Mr. James F. Kennedy a licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle-that on the 10th of May, they ordained Mr. Henry J. David to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Port Carbon-that on the 12th of September they received under

their care Mr. Joseph Porter and Mr. James Scott as Candidates for the gospel ministry, and entered on their list of churches the Church of Donaldson, recently organized by their direction-that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. James G. Moore to join the Reformed Protestant Dutch Classis of Orange, and dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Henry J. David to the church of Port Carbon-that they on the same day towit on the 12th of September, received Mr. David Harbidon a licentiate from the Presbytery of Onondaga, and Mr. Cornelius K. Lane a licentiate from the Presbytery of Newton-and that on the 18th of October, they entered on their list of churches, the newly organized church of Harrison.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.

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